

COLCHESTER PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2010

PRESENT: Tom Mulcahy, Peter Larrabee, Rich Paquette and Pam Loranger

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Hadd, Town Planner

1. Call to Order

T. Mulcahy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Agricultural Mixed Use District Text & Discussion of 2/2/10 Mtg.

T. Mulcahy noted that the Commission reviewed the language on the December 15th meeting and no changes were made to the document.

A **motion** was made by P. Loranger to warn the Agricultural Mixed Use District text (Supplement 26) and any requests for rezoning for the February 2, 2010 meeting. P. Larrabee **seconded** the **motion** and it **passed** with a vote of 4 – 0.

3. Review of Regional Plan

T. Mulcahy suggested that the AMU language be identified as an alternative in the Land Use section of the Plan. It should be noted that alternatives other than farming for prime agricultural lands are being explored. The Commission concurred.

Comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- need to understand the vision of the Town;
- need to include language about land use;
- need to understand the direction of the Department of Public Works;
- need to see an infrastructure update;
- need to work with the School District.
- obtain visions and strategies from surrounding communities.

T. Mulcahy commented that the Select Board has asked the Department Heads to provide information to them so the Board can develop a vision. He believes that is a reactive strategy and not a proactive strategy. Without the “vision” it is difficult to make progress.

4. Minutes of December 15, 2009

A **motion** was made by P. Larrabee and **seconded** by P. Loranger to approve the minutes of December 15, 2009. The **motion passed** with a vote of 4 – 0.

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5. Review Future Agendas

S. Hadd reported that P. Larrabee will be a member of the Development Review Board starting in February. The group discussed the need for additional members to serve on the Planning Commission. T. Mulcahy agreed to write a letter to the Select Board requesting additional members.

6. Packet Information

The Commission reviewed the information that they received in their packets.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members of the Commission present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Lisa Riddle.

Approved this 19th day of January 2010

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